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11 NOVEMBER 1966

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PRIORITY SAIGON

CITE HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] 25X1

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REFERENCE: A. State Telegram 83100

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B. [REDACTED]

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OUTLINED IN REFERENCE B,

[REDACTED] PREPARED A MEMORANDUM WHICH I SIGNED AND SENT TO SECRETARY MCNAMARA ON 31 OCTOBER. ALL INTERESTED HANDS PARTICIPATED IN ITS PREPARATION, WHICH BENEFITED FROM YOUR HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION

25X1 IN SAIGON [REDACTED]

2. SECRETARY MCNAMARA LIKED OUR PROPOSAL AND ASKED THAT

<sup>KATZENBACH AND</sup>  
IT BE CIRCULATED TO MESSRS. KOMER, AND KATZENBACH. HE HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FOR ITS IMMEDIATE ADOPTION. THE UPSHOT OF ALL THIS IS EMBODIED IN REFERENCE A, WHICH IS THE RESULT OF A 9 OCTOBER MEETING IN <sup>UNDER</sup> SECRETARY KATZENBACH'S OFFICE WHICH I ATTENDED ALONG WITH MESSRS. KOMER, LEONHART, POATS AND UNGER. THE EVALUATION CONCEPT AND THE TEXT OF REFERENCE A (WHICH WE DRAFTED) WERE SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED BY ALL THOSE PRESENT. THE DETAILS OF THE

25X1 EVALUATION TECHNIQUE WHICH [REDACTED] IS COMING OUT TO EXPLAIN

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HAVE BEEN REVIEWED WITH AND ENDORSED BY THE WORKING LEVELS IN STATE, JCS (SACSA), OSD/ISA, AND OSD/SYSTEMS ANALYSIS.

25X1 3. [ ] PROTOCOL AND BUREAUCRATIC STATUS DURING

25X1 HIS VISIT WILL BE SOMEWHAT COMPLEX. HE IS COMING NOT ONLY AS A

[ ] OFFICER AND MEMBER OF MY STAFF, BUT ALSO -- AND PRIMARILY --

AS THE EMISSARY OF THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MESSRS.

MCNAMARA, KATZENBACH AND KOMER. HE WILL NEED, AND I KNOW HE

WILL GET, ALL THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL SUPPORT YOU CAN GIVE HIM.

IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT HE BE ABLE TO SEE AND TALK TO

AMBASSADOR LODGE AND AMBASSADOR PORTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE,

AND THAT HE BRIEF KEY ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION COUNCIL, BOTH CIVILIAN

AND MILITARY, CONCERNED WITH RD AND PACIFICATION. HE WILL, OF

COURSE, WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AND YOUR [ ] [ ] HAS BEEN

BRIEFED ON THE EVALUATION CONCEPT AND IS IN AGREEMENT WITH IT.

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4. WHILE WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT ANY CONCEPT CAN BE REFINED

AND IMPROVED, AND WE CERTAINLY WANT MISSION VIEWS TAKEN INTO

ACCOUNT, I UNDERLINE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED AT DEPART-

MENTAL LEVELS HERE TO MOVING AHEAD WITH THE TEST AS RAPIDLY AS

POSSIBLE, SO THAT AN EVALUATION SYSTEM, REFINED AS NECESSARY AFTER

THE TEST, CAN BE IMPLEMENTED NO LATER THAN THE FIRST OF THE YEAR,

AND EARLIER THAN THAT IF POSSIBLE.

END OF MESSAGE